Year	Fund Allocated *(Rs. in lakh)*
1997-98	180.00
1998-99	180.00
1999-2000	180.00

(c) In order to increase the production of pulses in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is under implementation in 25 States and 2 UTs. The scheme envisage financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of certified seeds, seed minikits, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, PP equipments etc. besides field demonstration and farmers trainings are being organised for the effective transfer of improve pulses production technology.

Degradation of Marine Resources

1269. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the marine resource in the country is not being fully tapped;

(b) whether the available vast marine resources are being degraded due to lack of systematic planning in the exploitation;

(c) if so, the action contemplated by Government to stop further degradation and to rehabilitate damaged marine resources; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) The present annual marine fish production in the country is estimated at 2.70 million tonnes (1998-99), which is around 70 per cent of the marine fisheries resource potential of 3.9 million tonnes. The stock assesment studies conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), have indicated that exploitation within the 50 metre depth zone has reached its optimal level with respect to many of our commercially important marine fishery resources. Further exploitation and additional yield is possible only by diversification of the fishing efforts to offshore and deep sea areas.

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(b) There is no degradation of marine resources.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Namrup

1270. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fertilizers Promotion Agricultural Research Division of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited has submitted a proposal for establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Namrup, Assam; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The establishment of new Krishi Vigyan Kendras, including one at Namrup, Assam will depend on availability of additional resources.

Demand of Urea And D.A.P.

†1271. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for urea and D.A.P. in Uttar Pradesh has greatly increased during 1999-2000 in comparison to 1997-1998 and whether the demand for D.A.P. has increased manifold in 1999-2000 in comparison to 1997-98 and 1998-99; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken to meet this demand; whether any assessment has been made with regard to next year's demand; if so, the datails of meeting the demand of Urea and D.A.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K.SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The consumption of Urea in Uttar Pradesh increased to an estimated 50.62 lakh metric tonnes in 1999-2000 from 46.87 lakh metric tonnes in 1997-1998, representing an increase of 8.0 per cent. The consumption of D.A.P. in the State during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was 8.75, 8.90 and 11.28 lakh metric tonnes, respectively. In 1998-99, the consumption increased by 1.71 per cent and in 1999-2000 by 26.74 per cent over the previous year.

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